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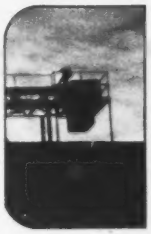

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to Pioneer Concrete of Texas, Inc , in separate transactions completed in 1983 and subject to regulatory requirements. Also, Lone Star has an agreement to sell its north Texas aggregates operations to Pioneer. Combined, the transactions involve cash and notes totaling more than $40 million.

Also at Lone Star, Robert T. Campion, chairman and president of Lear Siegler, Inc., has been elected to the board of directors. Campion has been chairman of Lear Siegler. a firm with interests in aerospace, material handling, and other industries, since 1974, and president since 1971.

Obituary

Eugenia J. Vail

Eugenia J. Vail, a long-time member of the staff of Pit & Quarry Publications, Inc., died January 17 after suffering a massive stroke. Responsible for a variety of functions during her career with this publication, she served most recently as book department manager.

A native Chicagoan, Mrs. Vail first joined the staff in 1945. She left several years later to raise her family and then returned in 1969 to continue a career that contributed in many ways to the smooth functioning of *Pit & Quarry* and *Concrete* magazines.

Mrs. Vail is survived by her husband, John, and by two sons, John Paul and Richard.

Crushed stone managers to meet in Nashville

There still may be an opportunity for crushed stone industry managers to attend a retreat, sponsored by the National Crushed Stone Association, and scheduled for April 1-4 at the Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tenn. Only 30 managers can attend the session. A previous retreat, held last October, received high marks from attendees who complimented the program's instructors, all veterans of NCSA's Supervisory Training Program. Contact NCSA today if interested.

National Gypsum names new president

James R. Voisinet has been elected president and chief operat-

Comparison of 1983/1982 Construction Contract Values*

	12 Mos. 1983 (000,000)	12 Mos. 1982 (000,000)	Cumulative Percent Change
Nonresidential building	$ 61,904.7	$ 59,584.0	+ 4
Residential building	93,200.9	59,209.8	+57
Nonbuilding construction	37,645.2	37,436.0	+ 1
Total construction	$192,750.8	$156,239.8	+23

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October 1983 ..... 139 November 1983 ..... 145 December 1983 134

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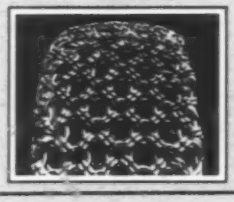

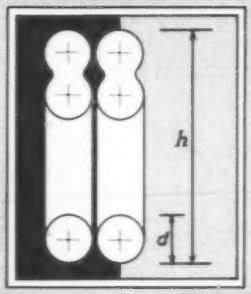

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